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Classes offer student help

By Diane Dickerson
editor

The Board of Trustees heard reports about developmental education programs offered at the college during last Thursday's meeting.

Developmental courses at TJC include math, English, reading and study skills, explained Developmental Communications Coordinator Dr. Charles Johnson and Developmental Mathematics Coordinator Kay Arms.

"At TJC we have focused on developmental education because we are determined to make good the promise of the open door," said Dr. Raymond Van Cleef, vice president for educational and student services. "If a percentage of students who enter TJC are not quite ready to do college work in some areas, we are committed to help them."

Increased use of television, lack of family stability and a decline of academic requirements all contribute to the recent decline in literacy, said Johnson.

Students are assessed for developmental programs through standardized test scores, placement tests, high school academic performance and individual counseling interviews.

Based on these methods, about 400 students or 25 percent of the freshman class, last fall were enrolled in developmental English, and 171 students were

enrolled in reading improvement courses.

"These courses are very helpful for many students because English is a required course for every degree plan according to the 1984-85 Catalog," Johnson said.

Approximately 10 percent of entering freshmen are placed in developmental math. Math courses are required for 73 percent of TJC's degree programs, with 21 percent requiring two or more math classes, Arms said.

"We find that math skills are lost if even one semester intervenes between courses," she said.

Last fall, 80 percent of students enrolled in developmental English successfully completed the course and 78 percent of those enrolled in reading did so. The regular English course has a 73 percent completion rate, said Johnson.

Approximately 82 percent of students formerly enrolled in developmental English courses successfully completed the regular course, said Johnson.

In future developmental classes we plan to increase computer-assisted instruction in reading and writing lab, introduce a new three-hour study skills course to aid students in general class skills and to help prospective education majors prepare for the Pre-Professional Skills Test, said Johnson.



Photo by Diane Dickerson

THOSE CITY LIGHTS--Apache Belles Polly Bruck and Georgia Sandefur perform at the recent Spring Show. This year's show was a review entitled "City Lights."

Bill hikes tuition

by Tatia Rogers
assistant editor

The Texas Legislature, in its search for revenue, has chosen to increase tuition. Student lobby groups around the state have attempted to persuade their state representatives not to raise tuition, but their efforts apparently have failed.

According to the Student Senate, the most reasonable tuition hike has been proposed by Rep. Wilhemina Delco of Austin. Her plan, HB 1147, has been amended several times and has passed the House.

The bill, in simplified form, provides: Residents will pay in 1985, \$8 per semester hour; 1986, \$14; 1987, \$16; 1988, \$18 and 1989, \$20. In 1985, non-residents will pay \$120 per semester hour. In 1986, they will pay \$180 per hour. Costs will continue to rise to \$200 per hour in 1987, \$220 in 1988 and finally \$240 in 1989.

After tuition has reached this point, it will be indexed to 100 percent of the costs of education.

This means that students will pay all the costs of their college education, from groundskeeping to teacher salaries.

Other tuition bills have also been presented. Lt. Governor Bill Hobby announced a plan that would increase tuition rates to \$12 an hour in 1985 and \$16 in 1986. After 1986, the Hobby bill will index tuition to 20 percent of educational costs.

Student Senate President Phillip Ambrose and other officers say, "It's imperative this bill is not passed for two reasons. First, it raises tuition threefold in 1985, and second, indexing takes tuition out of the hands of the Legislature so it has no one to answer to."

Other bills affecting students are also being considered at this point, including regulation of drinking age and hazing.

"To assure that students are treated fairly, Student Senate is urging everyone to help by writing his or her representative," said Ambrose. For more information, students may contact the Student Senate office, he said.

Senate captures awards

Student Senate officers and senators walked away with several awards at the Texas Junior College Student Government Association convention.

"Colleges from all over Texas competed in three main competitions, but TJC was the only school to place in all of them," said Senate Secretary Debbie DeMasi.

"The three categories included a movie, essay and scrapbook," she said. TJC's senator movie won a second place plaque. The Senate also won third place honors with their scrapbook and essay written by DeMasi and Senate President Phillip Ambrose.

The Senate won other honors at the convention, including a plaque for their bulletin, a place on the state executive board and presidency of Region Five which is made up of six other colleges.

"TJC's pictorial directory arrived today. Those organizations who have already paid \$3 may pick theirs up with another \$3 fee," said DeMasi.

"We only asked for \$3 at first," she said, "but the cost was more than we expected." Organizations and individuals who haven't paid and would like one can pick up the directory for \$6 in the Student Activities Office.

Organizations who want to volunteer to guard the Student Center on Wednesday night should contact Student Activities Director Emma Lou Prater.

"TJC is having a problem with people who aren't TJC students being on the campus," said Prater. "TJC pays someone to watch the Center every night except Wednesday, so we need volunteers for then."

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"We encourage organizations to volunteer," said Ambrose. "It took a long time for us to be able to have the center open at night, so we want it to stay open. If no one volunteers to watch it, we may lose our night hours."

Next year is Texas's 150th birthday and TJC's 60th anniversary. In honor of these special occasions, TJC is planning an alumni reunion for Homecoming. All organizations are urged to make a list of past members so they can be contacted about the reunion. Lists may be turned in to Prater or Home Economics Coordinator Rebecca Bibby.

Eta Upsilon is challenging all TJC clubs and organizations to sponsor a needy group. They are working with the Crisis Center.

Tyler finally gets rock

Obviously musical taste varies from person to person. In a city the size of Tyler, one finds as many different preferences as there are people.

Despite this, Tyler long has appeared to attract only performers who cater to the segment of population that prefers country music. Tyler has hosted numerous country-and-western entertainers over the past few years, including Barbara Mandrell, the Oakridge Boys and Kenny Rogers. These performers

offer quality entertainment that almost everyone can enjoy.

For those persons who prefer other types of music, however, enough is enough. And finally Tyler attracted a group which caters to those who prefer rock.

Tyler's Oil Palace hosted John Parr and Toto, who played to a large crowd. The persons who feel that rock concerts corrupt those who attend should have been there. The crowd was large, and, despite ringing ears, well-behaved. Toto ended their con-

cert saying they would be back to Tyler.

Now Air Supply, another popular group, has been engaged to play tomorrow.

Perhaps the good turn-out for these performances will prompt continued booking of pop groups.

The Oil Palace management is to be commended for finally catering to the taste of a large segment of Tyler's population and providing live entertainment that is not country-and-western.



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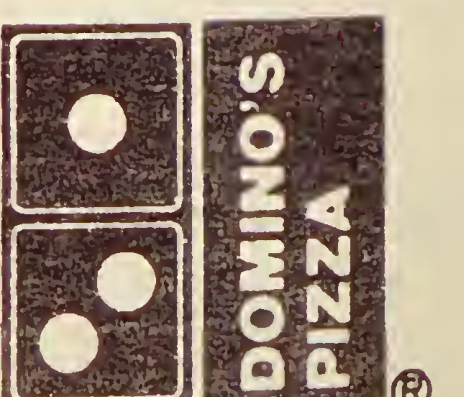
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Campus Briefs

Board okays energy plant plan

A \$2,100,000 Central Plant and Utilities Distribution Building was approved at the recent TJC Board of Trustees meeting.

The 8,000 square foot building will be next to Baldwin Maintenance Center. The building will be the control center for new heating and cooling pipes to be buried throughout the campus, and will contain a computerized energy management and monitoring system.

Burying utility pipes will allow removal of electrical poles and lines on campus.

"What we have tried to do is design a utilitarian building that will match the rest of the campus," said Bob Selzman, engineer for the firm which designed the building.

If construction proceeds on schedule, the new utilities center should be completed by April 1, 1986.

Essay could win scholarship

Students interested in winning up to \$10,000 in scholarships, may enter the U.S. League of Savings Institutions essay contest.

Deadline for entering is Tuesday, April 23. Essays must be postmarked no later than midnight and received no later the Monday, April 29.

All entrants must be full-time high school or higher education students.

The essay must be typed, double spaced on letter size plain white paper, including a cover sheet with the following information: name, age, home address and phone number and name and address of college or university. Each page of the essay must contain the writer's name.

The essay topic is how federal deficit spending effects your country and future. This topic is used to involve young voters in the debate about deficit spending, how it affects their future and the future of their country. All essays, regardless of winning status, will be shown to President Reagan and his administration and Congress, contest publicity says.

First place winners will win a \$10,000 scholarship. The next three in rank, or honorable mention, wins a \$2,500 scholarship, awarded by U.S. League of Savings Institutions.

Awards will be announced June 19 by the Institution of Financial Education.

Interested students should mail their essays to: National Essay Contest, Institute of Financial Education, 111 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

Prater announces tryouts

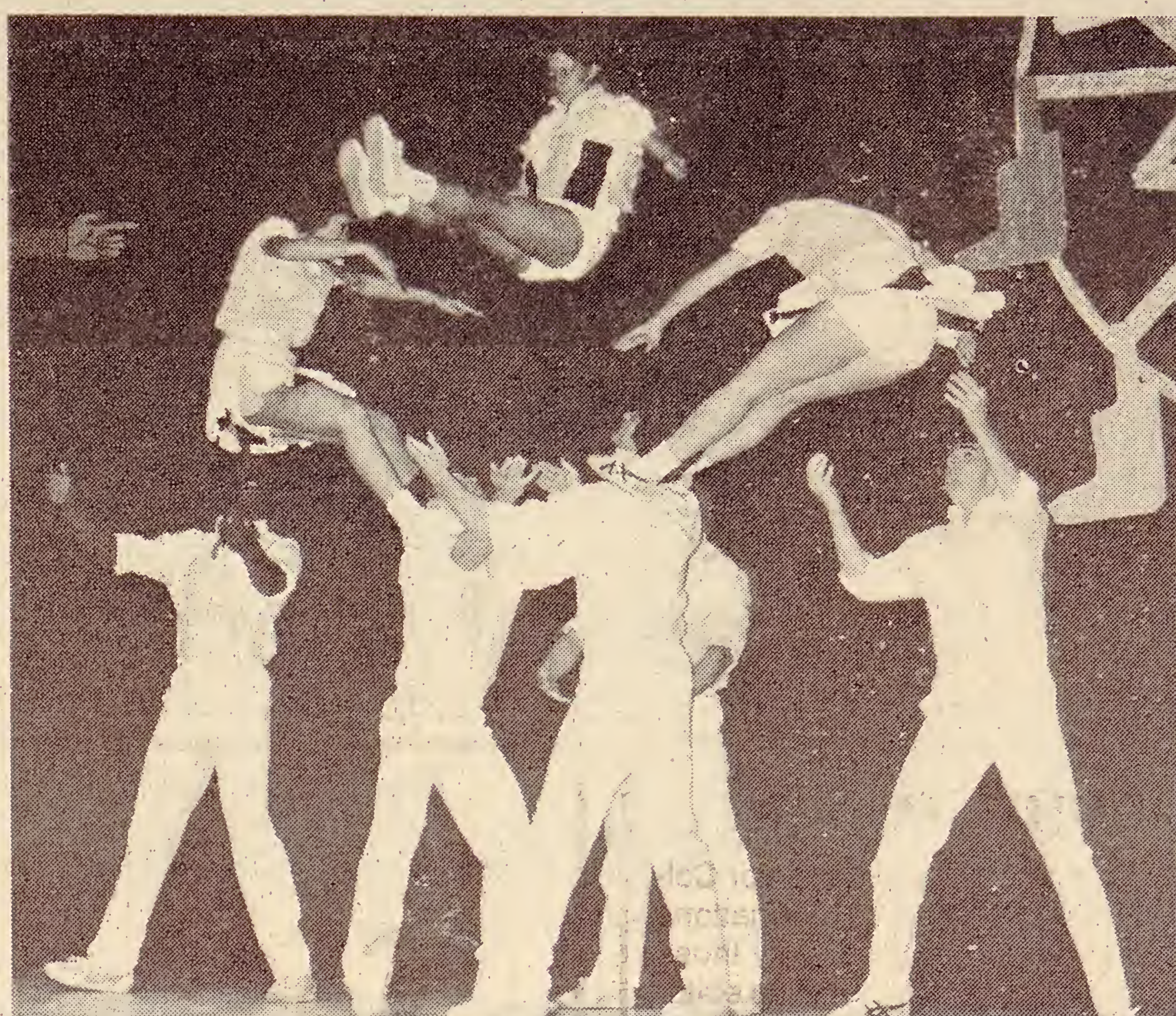


Photo by Diane Dickerson

THE BOTTOM DROPS OUT—This year's cheerleaders perform at the recent Apache Belle Spring Show. Students who want to try out for next year's cheerleading squad should be at Wagstaff Gym at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 27.

Students interested in trying out for the 1985-86 TJC cheerleader squad should report at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 27, at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Student Activities Director Emma Lou Prater said the morning session will consist of learning the cheers and stunts for tryouts. The afternoon session will involve practicing and perfecting cheers.

Tryouts will be at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 28, at the Gym. Cheerleaders will be announced immediately after tryouts.

Participants will be vying for eight openings on the squad.

Returning cheerleaders are Christie Ball, Eric Gentry, Rodney Johnson and Gary Nunn.

For further information, Prater said contact the Student Affairs Office at 531-2259.

Shrine sponsors blood drive

By Nita Langenegger
staff writer

Sharon Shrine Temple members were on campus last week assisting Stewart Blood Center personnel with the semi-annual TJC student-faculty blood drive. Shriners served doughnuts and soft drinks to all blood donors.

Two units operated in the Student Center and Pirtle Technological Center.

"Last year using two facilities instead of one resulted in a one-third increase in pints of blood donated and we are hoping to exceed last year's total of 395 pints," said Shrine spokesman Bill Bryans and Maurice Leath.

"The first blood drive involving students at TJC was February 6, 1975," says Betty Hayes,

Donor Services and Community Relations Director for Stewart Blood Center.

"Since that time 3,081 pints of blood have been collected and processed in Tyler, resulting in approximately 4,585 blood unit credits made available to Shriners' Hospitals," she said.

The recipient of this blood will be a child who is a patient in one of the 19 Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospitals or three Burn Institutes located throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

According to Shrine information, these hospitals are engaged in teaching and research as well as treatment. Orthopedic units are located in Shreveport and Houston.

The Shriners' Burn Institute in Galveston is one of the greatest

users of blood plasma," said Shriners Cone Carter.

"No man can visit a child in a burn hospital and come away untouched," he said. "We are not talking about a child with just a burned finger—but one who has no fingers left!"

The first Shriners' Hospital was built in 1922 in Shreveport. Since that time, according to 1984 Shrine figures, more than 297,000 crippled children have been helped.

"No patient is charged for any care and treatment provided in these hospitals," said Leath. "Admission is based on financial and medical need."

"Both in-patient and out-patient care are given to children from infancy to the 18th birthday, regardless of race, religion or their relationship to a Shriner," he said.

Festival offers 'hands-on' art

Art students and instructors assisted visitors at the "Hands On Art" festival yesterday and today. These hands-on demonstrations took place in front of Wise Plaza as part of the Spring Humanities Festival.

Three films: "The Louvre," "Why Man Creates" and "Art History of Europe" were shown in Wise Center and Genecov Building both days.

"If you have a desire to try your artistic ability, now is your chance. Just pick up a brush and help paint the large panel which will be provided along with the brushes and paints," said Art Instructor Jackie Adams.

"Many forms of art work," Adams said "were displayed during this festival, ceramics, weaving, drawing, and both oil and watercolor paintings."

Participants watched art students drawing, using a live model, tried their hand at the potter's wheel or weaving loom, or just were "lookers."

Art Instructors assisting in the event include: Charline Wallis, design and art history, Adams, weaving and drawing, Art Program Coordinator Charles Cavanaugh, drawing and painting Wynoma Johnson, ceramics, arts and crafts and Ann Miller, watercolor, drawing, arts and crafts.

Electronic society invites students

The Electronic Technology Society is one of the fastest growing organizations on campus.

"The Electronic Technology Society is not a fraternity but a group of people interested in electronics," said Secretary-Treasurer Russell Hassell.

"The purpose of the club is to better familiarize ourselves with the electronic industry," he added.

ETS, which started last semester with 16 members, this

semester has increased to 65 members. Officers are: President Richard Forest, Vice President Phil Gambler, Secretary-Treasurer Hassell and Student Representative Gary Choice.

"The club has traveled to Dallas for tours of IBM and AT&T. We also plan to tour other industries. The Kelly Springfield plant when opened will be an excellent place to tour," said Hassell.

The society has a robot whose

name is Hero. "He can walk and we have programmed him to speak, but his vocabulary is somewhat limited," said Hassell.

Membership in ETS is open to anyone interested in electronics. Membership costs \$5 per semester.

For more information students should contact Electronics Program Coordinator Keith Bridges, Hassell said.

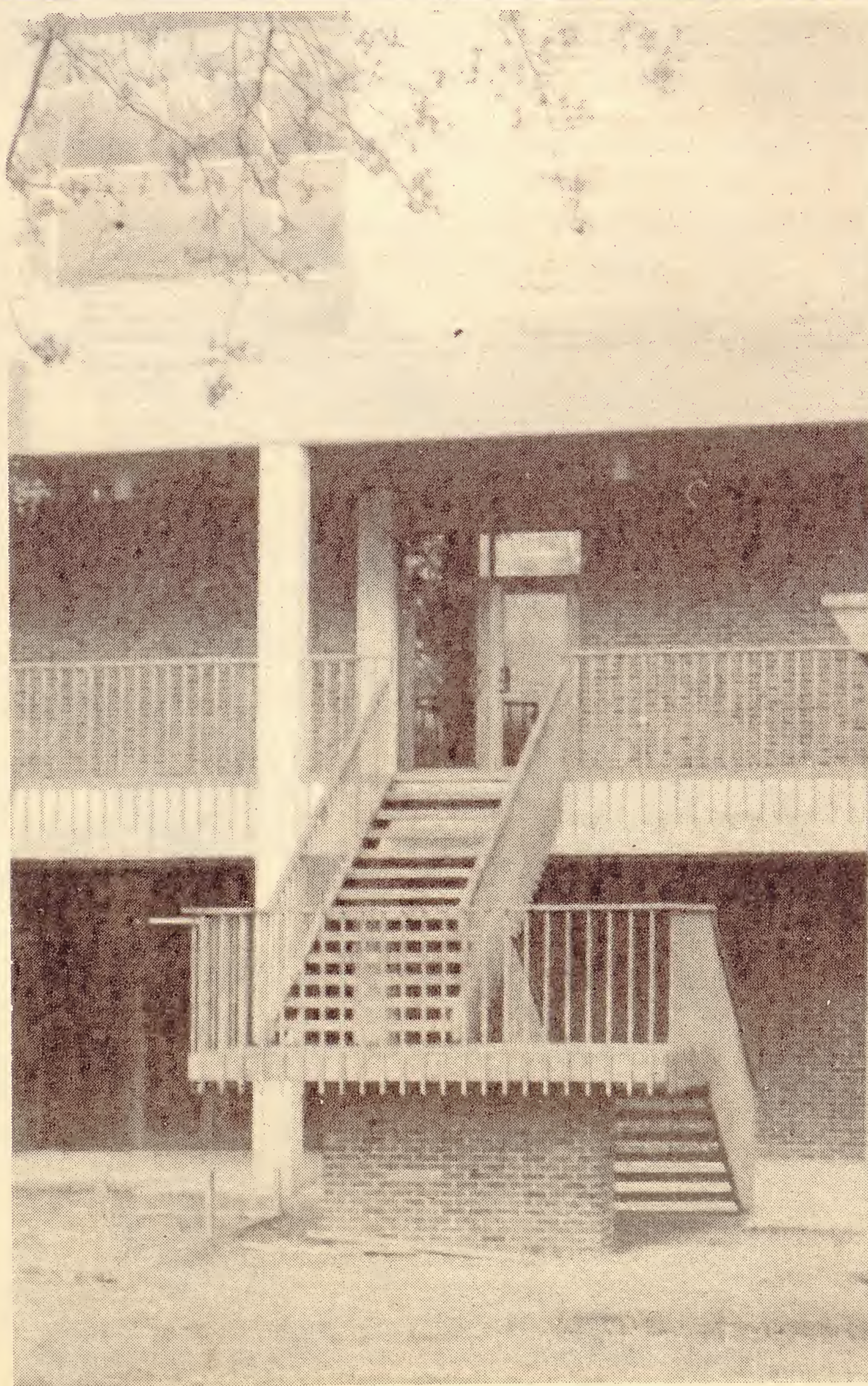


Photo by Pam Burgess

IN PROGRESS—Phase five of the Pirtle Technology Center nears completion. The Board of Trustees inspected the new area recently.

Apache Belles means work, fun

By Diane Dickerson
editor

Row after straight row of girls stand on the stage, moving in unison to the instructor's count. Practice sessions for the Apache Belles are an everyday occurrence. They take much more time than actual performances.

Belles are "motivated to do things they didn't think they could do," said Ruth Flynn, Belles assistant director and choreographer.

They are pushed farther than they thought possible in Belles, and that carries on into other aspects of their lives, said Flynn.

"I want the things I teach the girls to carry over into other aspects of their lives," said Flynn. She tries to instill pride in the Belles and encourages them to give their best.

Every time the choreographer changes, some kind of change occurs in the routines and costumes the girls use, said Flynn.

The Belles have always done theme shows, and worn different costumes to help carry out the themes. For example, the Belles wear long skirts during a dance with a Spanish theme. The costumes make the performances more dynamic, she explained.

During her first year as choreographer, Flynn has made many changes in the program. The summer practice sessions were condensed to four weeks, during which time the Belles practice three times each day.

The quality of the girls always improves, said Flynn. She looks for a pretty girl with a good figure, enthusiasm and some natural ability to dance.

Girls come to college to begin their career, but "they've still got that ham in them," said Flynn. Most Apache Belles do not become professional dancers, but join Belles for a "last chance to be a star before their career or marriage."

Many Belles were members of drill teams in high school and were not ready to give it up, said Flynn.

The Apache Belles have been a part of TJC since the 1940's when they were first

formed.

The format of tryouts is one thing which has changed over the years. Tryouts are now held on one day, instead of being spread out over several days. Uniforms have also changed, moving from a long skirt to the short ones worn today.

The Belles perform not only for school functions such as football games and other athletic events. They have performed for professional football games and in numerous parades. The Belles act "kind of like ambassadors for TJC," said Flynn, by performing for civic organizations.

"I like performing at all the different places," said Sophomore Belle Judy Latta. "I've made a lot of good friends in Belles."

Currently there are 46 Apache Belles, but Flynn said she would like to have 60 to 65 next year.

Dance captains are elected by sophomore Belles. They are chosen for leadership, explained Flynn. Captains this year are Louisa Harrell and Tanya Smith.

The Belle Guard is an organization of six young men who take care of props for the Belles, said Flynn. Guards include: Stephan Granberry, Terry Hawkins, Michael Layne, Billy Slaughter, Fred Stanley and Gene Wedgeworth.

Apache Band and Belle Director Jack Smith also works with the Belles, along with the Apache Band.

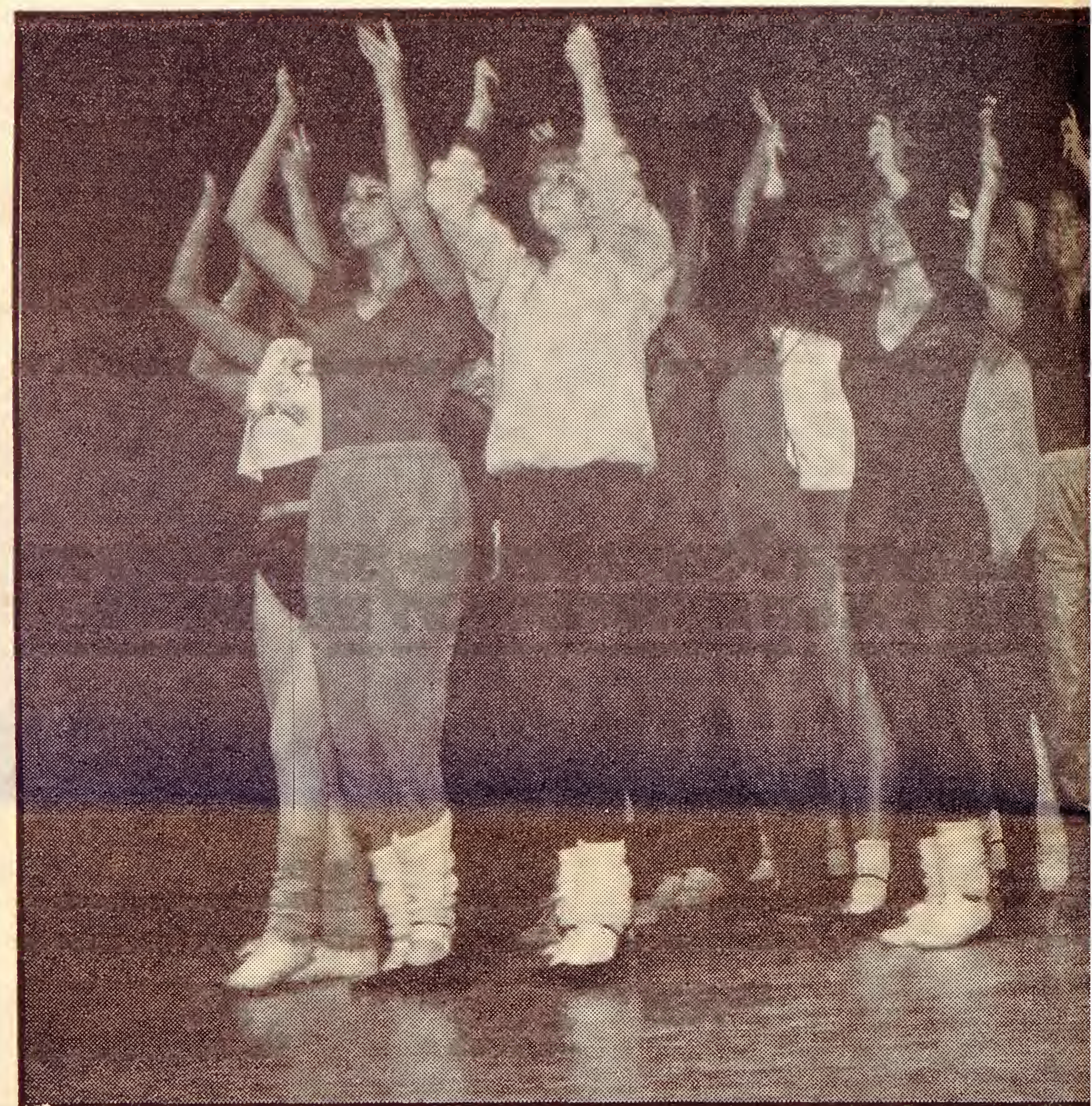
Sophomore Belles this year are: Karen Appleby, Pam Bratton, Pam Dunfee, Sheri Glazner, Donata Green, Cassi Grogan, Joni Kersey, Judy Latta, Kim Malone, Lyn Mullins, Sandy Prather and Alicia Tow.

Freshman Belles are: Polly Bruck, Julie Bouchard, Cheryl Cole, Annette Carroll, Amy Durham, D'Lyn Edwards, Linda Fishback, Patti Franklin and Rena Jernigan.

Others are: Peggy Lawler, Amy May, Sandy Mellon, Stacie Montgomery, Molly O'Hearn, Tammy Quakenbush, Nanci Dela Rosa, Georgia Sandefur, Nancy Stell, Shay Taylor and Melanie York.

GETTING INSTRUCTIONS--Practice time is filled not only with dance, but with instructions. Choreographer Ruth Flynn instructs Belles.

Photo by Chris



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT--Belles practice for their recent spring

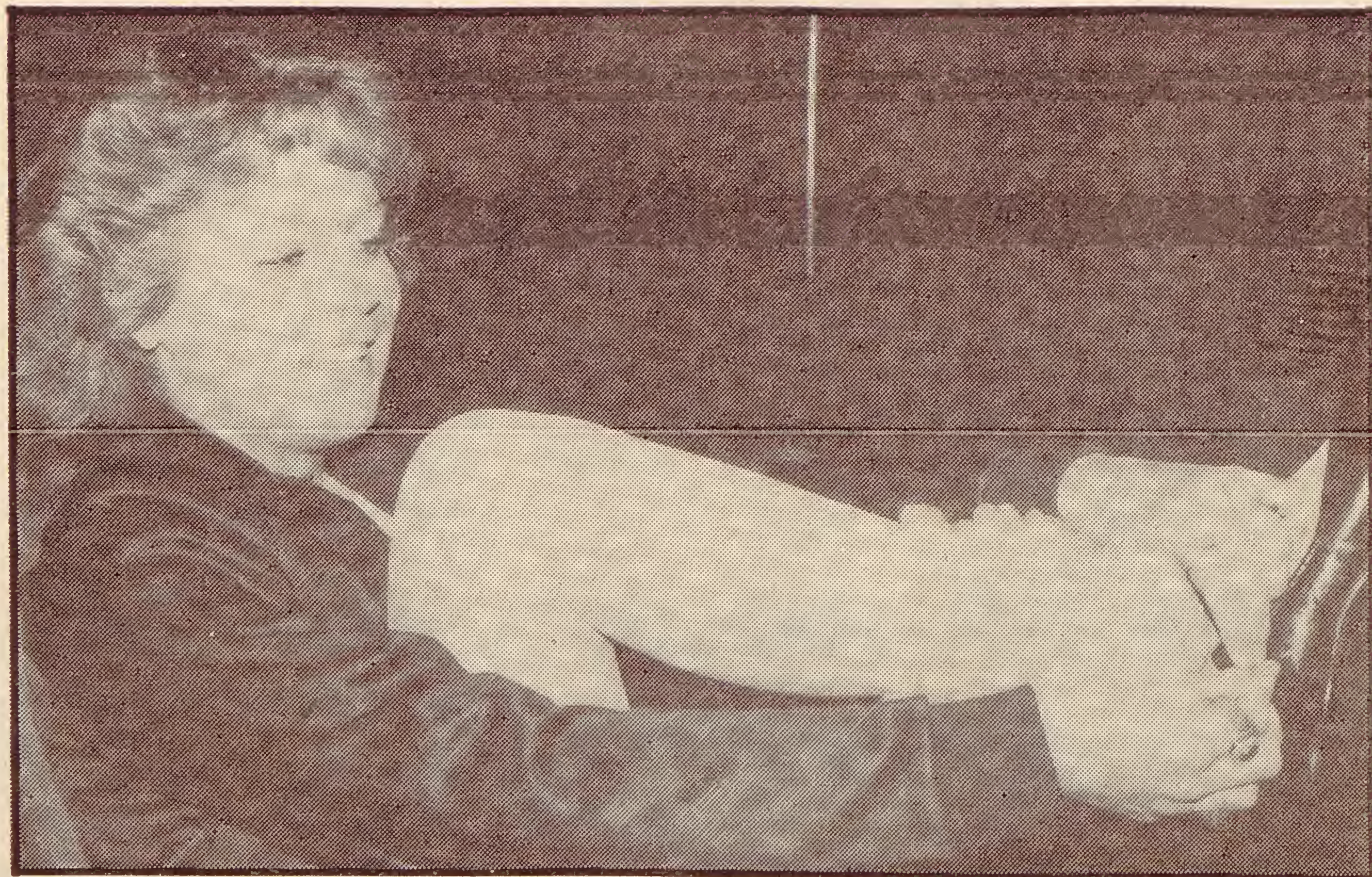


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PREPARING FOR PRACTICE-- Freshman Apache Belle Stacie Montgomery switches shoes for a practice dance.



Photo by Chris Pope

SMILE--Apache Belle Peggy Lawler during a regular weekday practice.

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PLAY IT AGAIN--Belle Guard Billy Slaughter runs the tape during Spring Show practice.



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SPLITS--Belle routines require flexibility, so the girls stretch to stay limber.

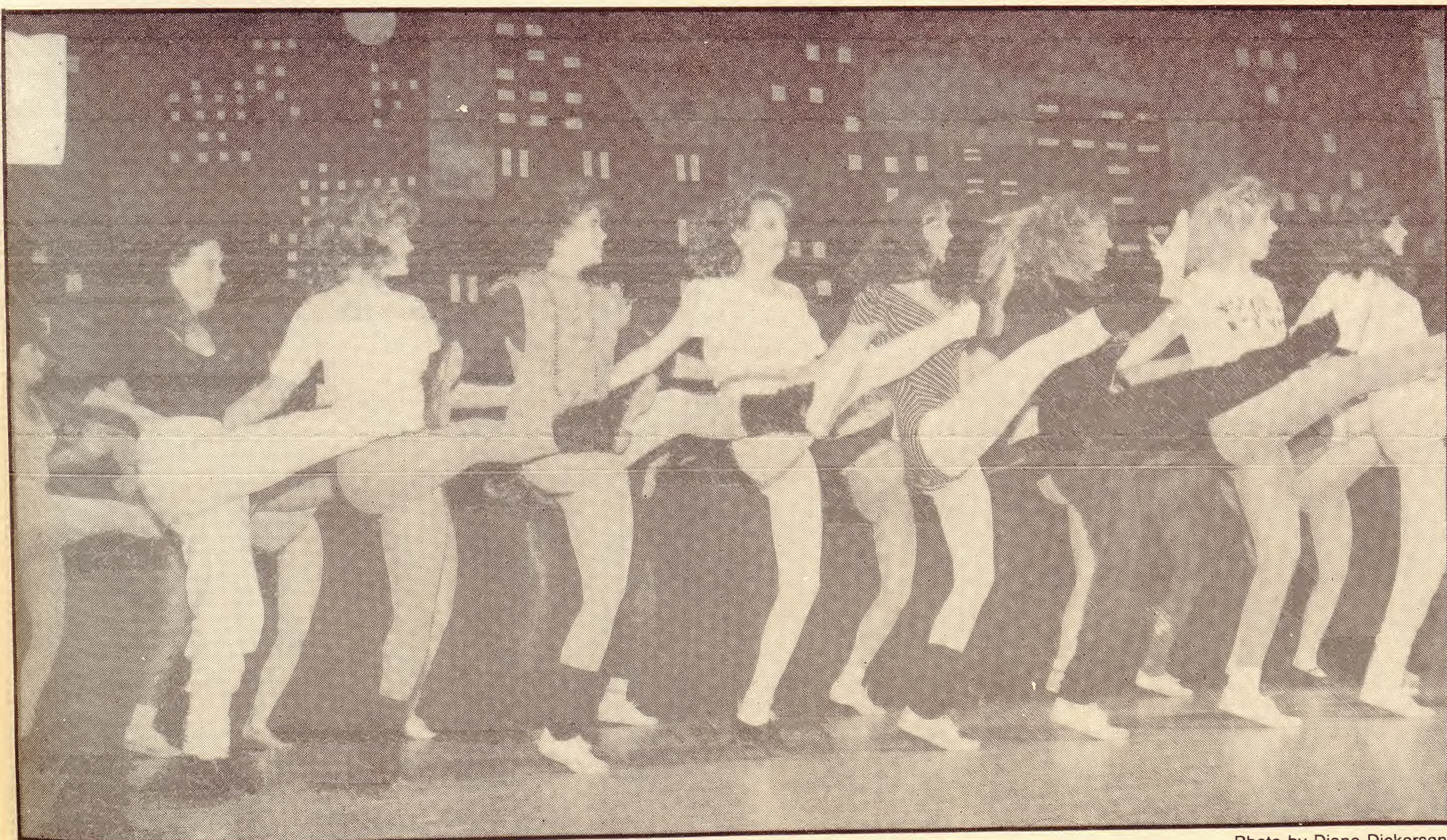


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GETTING THEIR KICKS--A group of Belles perform one of the high kick routines that helped to make the group famous.

Prater's talents aid student life

Emma Lou Prater is the woman who plans all of the student activities from managing the cheerleaders to supervising Greek rush. "The Student Senate helps in planning the activities," Prater said. "The members of the Student Senate attend a retreat one weekend away from school and discuss plans for the upcoming semester."

Prater said she enjoys her work very much, but sometimes there are not enough hours in the day to get all her duties done. She also noted that she likes being involved with the students and taking on the many responsibilities she has.

Prater welcomes student suggestions to help plan special activities. During the spring semester, TJC has already had a Valentine's Dance, Field Day, Western Week, blood drive, Take-a-Teacher-to-Lunch and Senate elections and convention.

Some other plans are for computer portrait day and Greek-Western Week.

"More students need to get involved with student activities," Prater said, "because right now only about 25 percent of the enrollment is participating in activities."

A graduate of East Texas State University with bachelor's and master's degrees, Prater came to TJC first in 1964 and worked in the Business Office until 1977 when her husband was transferred to Houston.

When they returned to Tyler she became student activities director.

"Student activities is more than just having a good time. It is also a wonderful way to meet people and could be an excellent learning experience," said Prater.

Catalog offers travel

Students can vacation and or work in Great Britain, Ireland, France, Germany and New Zealand, aided by the Council on International Educational Exchange. CIEE is the largest student travel organization in the United States, according to the 1985 Student Travel Catalog.

"The catalog is an invaluable source of information on the basics of traveling, studying and working abroad. It contains details on worldwide discounts, benefits and travel bargains available to holders of the International Student ID card, the only internationally recognized proof of student status," said CIEE spokesman Gillian Batchelder.

"The catalog contains an application for the International Student ID card, which provides automatic accident/sickness coverage anywhere you travel outside the U.S. for the entire validity period of the ID card," said Batchelder.

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Attitude, diet affect performance

by Bailey Guinn
staff writer

How can I spend so much time studying and then make so low a grade, students often wonder.

Good test results are not always based on the amount of time a student spent reviewing material.

Emotional and physical factors affect you greatly in preparing for a test and taking a test, says Support Services Specialist Vickie Geisel. Attitude, anxiety, diet, exercise and sleep all have a bearing on test performance.

A certain amount of test anxiety is useful because it produces increased alertness and motivation. Yet, excessive anxiety is, in many cases, a leading factor in poor test performance.

A student can take many steps to reduce test anxiety. One suggestion is to avoid irritating people and last-minute quiz sessions prior to test time.

"If a student can think ahead and visualize what favorable results would be like, then he may be more inclined to work harder

to fulfill his expectations," Geisel said.

According to Counseling Center materials, physical factors play a vital role in test performance. A faulty diet which does not maintain an adequate level of blood sugar can greatly affect a student preparing for a test.

"Professionals in nutrition propose that sugar produces energy in cells of the brain and nerves. When blood sugar available to the cells decreases to a certain level, the thinking process is affected in an adverse manner. This condition produces irritableness and depression in many people, explains the handout.

The literature states strongly, "One must eat a balance of foods which release sugar in digestion slowly."

If a student knows he is not eating foods that ensure good health, then he may want to obtain information from the library or the college nurse about proper nutrition.

Many students will spend the entire night studying for a test. "When students deprive themselves of sleep to study, their

thinking and memory are somewhat disorganized and impaired," says Counseling Center material.

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In some cases the best preparation is a good night's sleep, if the student is already knowledgeable about the subject. "Insufficient sleep for an individual can produce visual inattention, fatigue and impairment in the acquisition of new information," says the material.

Adequate rest is not always the answer to good test performance, but in most circumstances is an excellent practice to follow in preparing for a test.

Proper exercise is necessary for students to function at their highest possible level. Exercise

can be fun and exciting.

It does not always have to be some form of grueling experience as some tend to think.

"It is often necessary for a student to reward himself after study periods," Geisel said.

A game of softball with some friends would provide a release of mental stress so one can get back to studying more easily when the time arises, she advised.

A proper attitude toward a specific assignment or test may have a greater influence on test performance than any other physical or emotional factor.

"Attitude can make or break a student," Geisel said. You need to set short term goals, so you may see that progress is being made toward some long term goals that should have previously been established, she advises.

It is evident that various factors other than study time alone influence test performance. If students need assistance with the acquiring of good study habits and general test-taking procedures, the Counseling Center is available to help, said Geisel.

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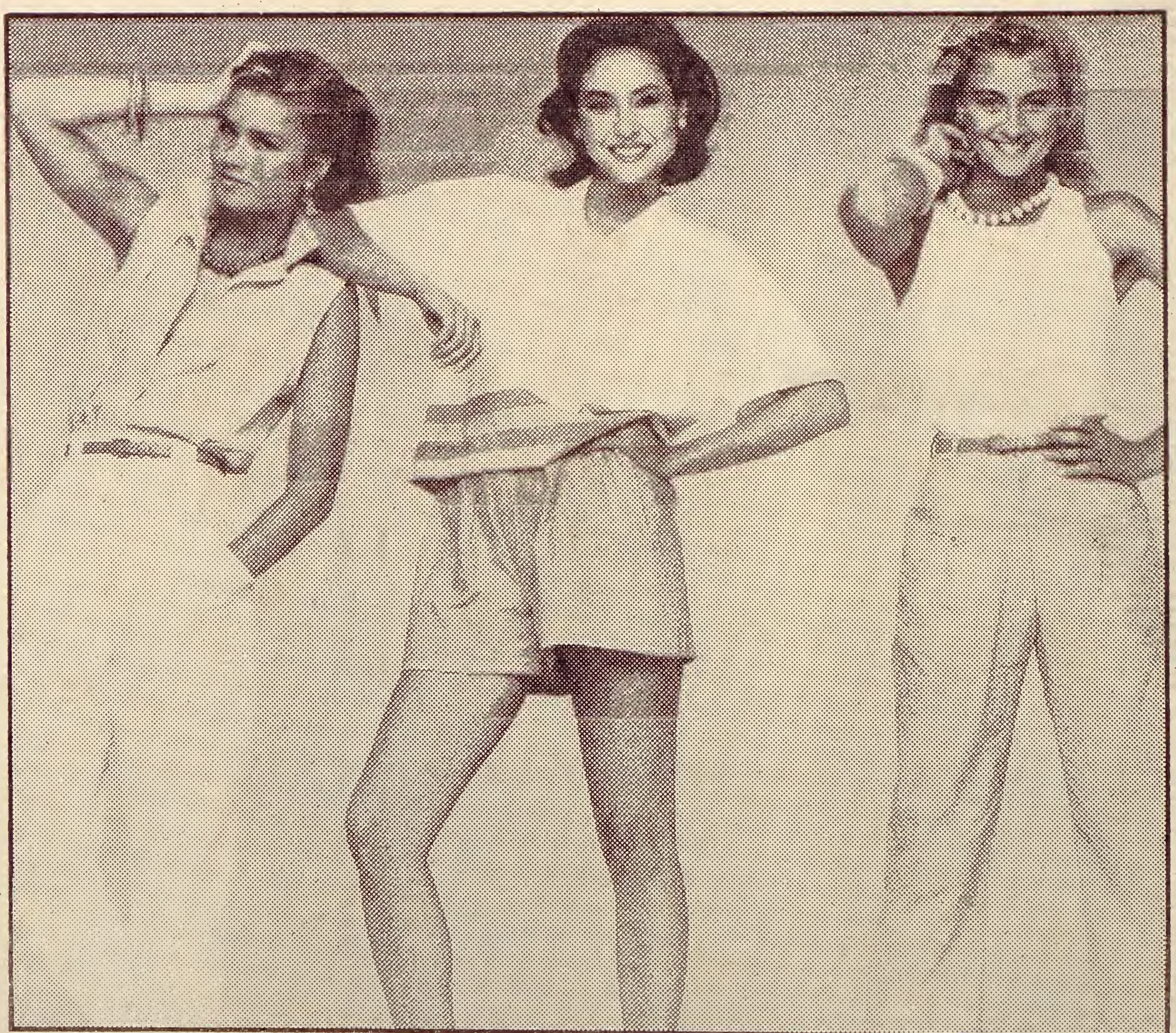
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'Mask' good, lacks realism

By Pamela Burgess
staff writer

"Mask," the life story of Rocky Dennis, is at best an uplifting piece of film work, but it lacks a certain realism.

The plot comes from the experiences of Rocky Dennis. At age four Rocky is diagnosed as having a rare bone disease which prevents the bone structure from forming. The film covers Rocky's life from age 15 to his death at age 16.

The cast includes many unknowns and a few well-known stars. Cher plays the part of Rusty

Dennis, Rocky's mother. In the movie Cher gives her all to playing the gutsy, straight-forward Dennis.

Eric Stoltz does a brilliant job portraying Rocky. The part most certainly has its challenges but Stoltz manages to bring out the true personality of his character without seeming to just go through the motions.

What "Mask" lacks in realism it very much makes up for in compassion. The film is literally overflowing with it. All in all, "Mask" is worth going to see at least once.

King's 'Thinner' captivates fans

By Beverly Woods
staff writer

Stephen King's confession came as no surprise to his admiring followers. They had already spotted King's unmistakable style that captivates readers his latest thriller, "Thinner."

Although Richard Bachman is credited with writing "Thinner," that pseudonym can't fool King fans. "Thinner" is a King novel from page one.

A Dallas journalist who asked King why the subterfuge said, "King didn't want to flood the market with too many books carrying the King name. He wasn't sure if the book was up to King standards."

Whatever the reason, the brilliant King could not hide the craftsmanship that is uniquely his. "Thinner" is well written, one of those rare and treasured "can't put down" novels we run across far too seldom.

"Thinner," the old Gypsy man with the rotting, nose, whispers to William Halleck as Halleck and his wife, Heidi, come out of the courthouse. Just that one word, sent on the wafting, cloying sweetness of his breath: "Thinner." And before Halleck can jerk away, the old Gypsy reaches out and caresses his cheek with one twisted finger.

"Thinner"-- How could there have ever been a doubt about this book's author?

'Killing Fields' illustrates war

By Eric Brunelli
staff writer

"The Killing Fields" is a documentary focusing on the lives of two journalists during the war in Cambodia.

Journalists are Sydney Schanberg, played by Sam Waterston and Dith Pran, played by Dr. Haing S. Ngor.

Schanberg is a New York Times correspondent sent to Cambodia to cover the Vietnam War.

Pran is a Cambodian journalist who greets the American when he arrives in Cambodia and becomes his interpreter.

Schanberg and Pran meet for the first time in 1973 and plan to cross the border into Vietnam. They eventually make their way into Vietnam with the help of South Vietnamese troops.

During this time, U.S. troops along with countless numbers of reporters, journalists and Cambodians evacuate Cambodia, as war enters the quiet country.

As a warning to the communist forces developing in Cambodia, American forces bomb parts of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia's capital.

President Nixon claims no involvement in the Cambodian bombings.

When the war ends, the journalists are relieved and ready to depart for the United States. Upon their return from an army hospital, they encounter communist forces known as the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge take Schanberg and Pran hostage and send all surviving Cambodians from the cities to the fields.

Pran is eventually separated from his journalist friend and sent to the fields. He, along with others, is treated terribly by the Rouge.

Fearing for their own lives, Schanberg and other journalists are given the right to return to their homeland.

Returning to New York, Schanberg wins journalist of the year honors for his coverage of the war and the Cambodian incidents. He gives all the credit to Pran.

Pran, meanwhile, has managed to escape enemy forces and find safety at an army hospital.

Schanberg, feeling deep sym-

pathy for Pran, sends numerous telegrams and photos of Pran all over the world.

The two journalists are finally reunited at the hospital on October 9, 1979. Together again, they return to New York.

Schanberg moves up to become a New York Times columnist, while Pran becomes a New York Times photographer.

"The Killing Fields" is a dramatic and touching story. The capture and continuous torture of Schanberg and Pran reflects the deep feelings presented in the film.

Waterston turns in a great performance as an American journalist seeking a great story, but Ngor steals the honors as a Cambodian journalist forced to flee his country.

This true story has no flaws, except for war scenes which bring about some blood.

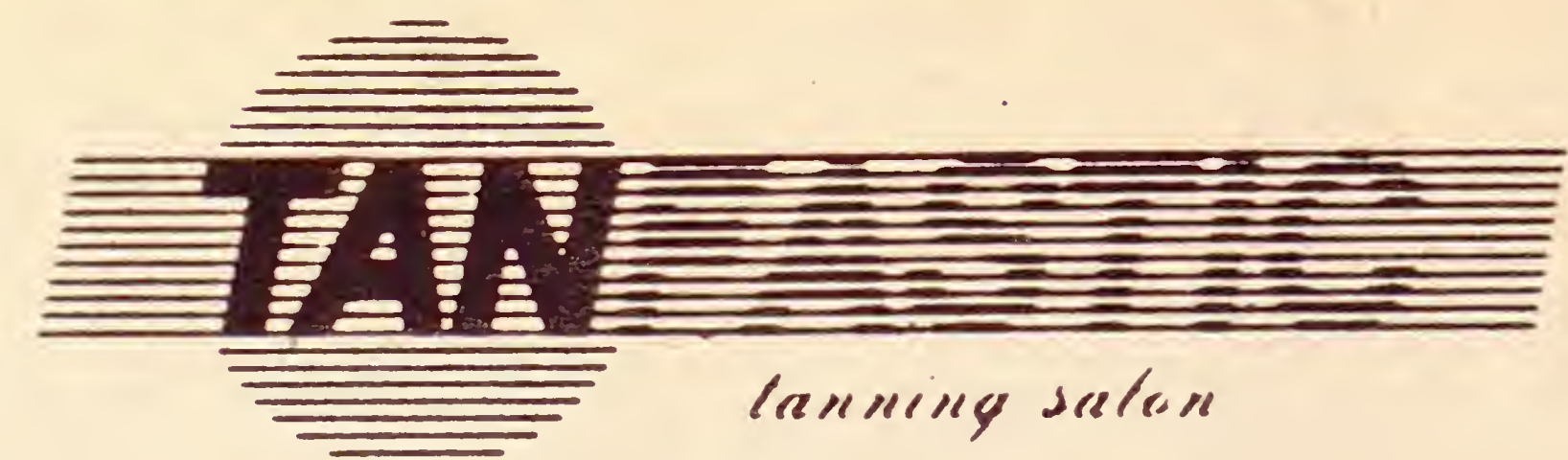
Ngor received an Oscar for best supporting actor and the movie was nominated for seven Oscars.

"The Killing Fields" is a sure hit on my rating chart, taking a solid A. On a scale of 1 to 10, the movie charted a easy 10.

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TJC to host tennis meet

1st national tournament in Tyler

By Eric Brunelli
staff writer

The National Junior College Athletic Association awarded TJC the privilege of hosting the national college tennis tournament in 1986 and 1987.

This marks the first for TJC to host a championship in any junior college sport, said TJC President Dr. Raymond Hawkins in a press conference announcing the decision.

The event plans to bring 40 tennis teams from 24 regions to Tyler. Sites for the tournament include TJC, Timber Creek and Tyler Tennis and Swim clubs.

To host a tournament of this magnitude is not only a feather in the cap of the college but a boost for the community as a whole, said Hawkins.

NJCAA Executive Director George Killian and Tennis Committee Chairman Bruce Dubois visited TJC and Tyler late last fall. The campus, the tennis facilities in Tyler, motel and lodging accommodations and friendly hospitality of Tyler were the key factors in choosing TJC as the site of the tournament, said Hawkins.

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Athletic Director Dr. Billy Jack Doggett was present in Mesa, AR., when the NJCAA selection committees chose sites for national tournaments in all sports. At that time, Doggett made a formal presentation offering TJC as 1986 host.

Doggett said the event would be a boost for the community and a fantastic experience for TJC to host such an event.

"Tyler and TJC will gain national publicity, attract lots of people, create jobs and bring many dollars to town," said Jim Hardy and Paul Bendel, Chamber of Commerce officials.

For more than a decade, TJC has been respected throughout the nation as a first-rate tennis school, producing 21 All-Americans and 15 national rankings.

Some other outstanding achievements include: being one of only two schools in tennis history ever to win both men's and women's NJCAA tennis championships (in 1984) and ranking first and second nationally in men's and women's tennis, respectively, in 1983.

Rob Bingham contributed to this story.

Resignation shocks colleagues

prompts talk of recruiting ills

By Timothy Scott
staff writer

The forced resignation of Tulane Head Basketball Coach Ned Fowler and allegations against him have left his former TJC colleagues shocked and surprised. Fowler was Apache men's head basketball coach from 1978 to 1981 when he resigned to take the Tulane job.

The incident also prompted a discussion of recruiting ills.

Fowler recently resigned amid allegations that he paid at least one of his players \$100 a week. That same player, Star Forward John Williams, says he was given \$10,000 in a shoe box to sign with Tulane four years ago. Because of these allegations and the now-notorious Tulane point-shaving scandal, the university has ended its basketball program.

"I was totally surprised to hear he was accused of paying players," said TJC Athletic Director Dr. Billy Doggett. "I really didn't know him that well. But he didn't seem like the kind of coach who would prostitute his ballplayers."

Former TJC Athletic Director Floyd Wagstaff said of Fowler, "He's a good fellow, an outstanding coach. He's one of the better young coaches in the country."

"At least half the coaches in the country have violated that rule (by paying players) at some time or other," Wagstaff added.

Fowler guided Apache basketball fortunes for three seasons (1978-79 to 1980-81). His tenure

included a semi-final berth in the 1980 national junior college basketball tournament.

Could the scandal end Fowler's coaching career on a major college level? "This may end it. I don't know," Wagstaff said.

"I think it depends on his intentions from here on out," said Doggett. "But I think a school would scrutinize any coach more carefully who was involved in this kind of situation."

College presidents are becoming increasingly concerned about illegal recruiting in their athletic programs. At a recent meeting of Division I college presidents, 99 percent said they believe serious recruiting violations are occurring in their respective conferences.

Both Doggett and Wagstaff believe that though there is undoubtedly some illegal recruiting occurring on the junior college level, it is not nearly as prevalent as at the Division I schools in the area.

"We hear about it concerning the Southwest Conference schools in the area. We don't hear about it nearly as much in the junior colleges," said Doggett.

The reason for the discrepancy, says Doggett, is the amount of money that can be made from a successful athletic program for a major college.

The revenues gained through paying customers in the stands and gymnasiums, booster clubs and the major money maker, television, can be a tremendous boon in prestige and capital for a university, Wagstaff and Doggett explained.

Because of the money an athlete can bring in, some college sports critics are saying that they should be paid a monthly salary. It would also, they say, prevent cheating by placing the money above the table instead of under it.

Doggett and Wagstaff disagree. "I am entirely and completely opposed to it. We have gotten so far away from the academic ideal already," Doggett said.

"We have forgotten why the athletes are on campus. We're in the business of education. I don't see how you can educate people when they are receiving negative messages," he said.

"I don't believe they ought to be paid. The athlete needs to play because he likes the game. Besides he is being paid by scholarship," said Wagstaff.

At TJC an athletic scholarship includes tuition, fees, room and board and books, says Doggett.

If a member of the Texas Junior College Football Federation or a member of the Texas Eastern Conference (basketball) is suspected of offering more than a scholarship, there are steps to discipline that institution, says Doggett.

The conference presidents can appoint an investigator to verify the allegations if requested by two member schools. If the investigator finds that the charges are true, the offending school may be expelled or suspended from the conference. But that only happens in extreme cases, says Doggett.

Tennis students teach free clinics

Two opportunities remain to attend free tennis clinics from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday evenings on the tennis courts next to Pirtle Technology Center. The last clinics are tomorrow and April 26, said Tennis Instructor Jennifer Roberts.

The clinic is not just for students. Everyone at least five years old and of any ability level is welcome to attend, she said.

The free tennis clinics are taught voluntarily by students in TJC's tennis technology program headed by Tennis Tech Coordinator Steve Smith.

Students teaching this semester include: Aida Amigo, Giorgio Botto, David Earlewine, Marci Glidden, Brian Hanna, Jay Huffer, Tom Jilly, Clark Loughridge, Cliff Menke, Megan Meyer, Erik Oberhammer, Doug Passett, Jim Rogers, Rod Smith, David Weist and Glen Zell.

Off-season tunes skills, strategy

By Timothy Scott
staff writer

off-season program, said McGinty.

The games of autumn are won in winter and spring. At least that's the philosophy behind off-season football programs.

"The off-season gives you a chance to set team goals and evaluate a player's talent," said Head Coach Charlie McGinty.

Twenty-one freshman players have been engaged in off-season workouts since the beginning of the spring semester. McGinty says the program is divided into three areas.

"We concentrate mostly on weightlifting, then agility and light workouts," said McGinty. Padded scrimmages are prohibited by the Texas Junior College Football Conference.

Power and size have become such an important part of the college game today that weightlifting has to be an integral part of any

"Physically you have to be strong to be as good as you're going to be. It (weightlifting) can even improve a player's speed," he said.

To help flexibility and agility, a new discipline has been introduced into the off-season program: aerobics.

"It took the guys about three weeks to get in the swing of things. It looked funny for a while, but it really helps flexibility," he said.

A difference between junior colleges and four year schools is the prohibition of padded scrimmages for junior colleges.

McGinty says the reason is lack of players in a junior system. He pointed to his own squad's 21 players as an indication of that fact.

"Basically we don't have enough players," he said.

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